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SUMMARY

IN PLENARY ADDRESS TO 32ND UNGA SEPTEMBER 28, FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD CHARACTERIZED FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES AS PRESERVATION OF DETENTE IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED NORTHERN NATIONS AND DEVELOPING SOUTH. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT SELECTIVE APPLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANTS BY UN MEMBER STATES AND PARTICULARLY SIGNLED OUT DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA. IN COURSE OF EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF FRENCH BILATERAL RELATIONS AND MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES -- E.G., MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA -- DE GUIRINGAUD REJECTED "RIDICULOUS ALLEGATION" THAT FRANCE IS CONTRIBUTING TO DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR WEAPON CAPABILITY. SPEECH INCLUDED BROAD REVIEW OF FRENCH APPROACH TO DISARMAMENT BUT, AS EXPECTED, DID NOT OUTLINE SPECIFICS OF THEIR DISARMAMENT INITIATIVE. END SUMMARY.
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1. DETENTE. FRANCE INITIATED AND WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE POLICY OF DETENTE IN EUROPE BASED ON SECURITY, INDEPENDENCE AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALL COUNTRIES. THESE PRINCIPLES WERE REFLECTED IN JOINT GOF/USSR DECLARATION OF JUNE 22 AND WILL ALSO GOVERN FRENCH POLICY AT UPCOMING BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS. EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE BEING VIOLATED IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SOME WHICH ONCE HAD PROUD LIBERAL/HUMANISTIC TRADITIONS, CALLED ON UN MEMBERS TO ADHERE TO UN TEXTS. IN NAME OF FRENCH FRIENDSHIP FOR KHMER PEOPLE, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA WILL RESPECT FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AS SET FORTH IN UN CHARTER.

3. NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. RESULTS ARE FAR FROM NEGATIVE. FINAL REPORT SHOWS REAL PROGRESS IN SEVERAL AREAS, INCLUDING RAW MATERIALS, COMMON FUND, TRANSFERS OF RESOURCES AND TEN YEAR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORTATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS. BUT NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER CANNOT BE DECREED; IT MUST BE BUILT STEP-BY-STEP IN CONTINUING DIALOGUE. SOCIALIST COUNTRIES MUST ALSO MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTION.

4. ENERGY. IN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD, THOSE WHO HAVE ENERGY RESOURCES HAVE RIGHT TO RECEIVE FAIR PRICE FOR THEM WITHOUT, HOWEVER, EXPOSING WORLD ECONOMY TO DISORDERS IN WHICH THEY TOO WOULD FALL VICTIMS. ENERGY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT MUST BE COMMON ENDEAVOUR OF ALL COUNTRIES.

5. LAW OF THE SEA. NEGOTIATIONS ARE DECISIVE TEST OF WHETHER INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS CAPABLE OF USING UNCLASSIFIED

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SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND ADAPTING LEGAL SYSTEMS FOR HIGHER LEVEL OF ORGANIZATION. IN ADDITION TO EXPLOITATION, FRANCE IS CONCERNED WITH PRESERVATION OF ALL RESOURCES, INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL.

6. EAST/WEST RELATIONS. FRANCE SEEKS CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH USSR AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

7. EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. FRANCE IS DETERMINED TO ACHIEVE AMBITIOUS GOALS OF EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTION. E.C.-9 ARE INCREASINGLY ASSERTING THEIR COLLECTIVE IDENTITY IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

8. LEBANON. FRANCE BELIEVES THAT INDEPENDENT, UNITED, FREE AND PROSPEROUS LEBANON IS INDISPENSABLE FOR EQUILIBRIUM OF THE REGION.

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9. ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. GUIRINGAUD STRESSED THAT ENTRENCHMENT OF POSITIONS MAY COMPROMISE PEACE EFFORTS. PRINCIPLES OF A ME SETTLEMENT MUST INCLUDE: 1) EVACUATION BY ISRAEL OF THE TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967; 2) RECOGNITION OF RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS TO A HOMELAND; 3) PALESTINIANS TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH PEACE NEGOTIATIONS; 4) RECOGNITION OF EXISTENCE OF ALL STATES IN REGION, INCLUDING ISRAEL, WITHIN SECURE RECOGNIZED AND GUARANTEED BOUNDARIES. CRITICIZED ISRAEL FOR ESTABLISHING SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, NOT ONLY VIOLATING INTERNATIONAL LAW AND UN RESOLUTIONS, BUT ALSO CREATING CLIMATE UNCONDUCTIVE TO NEGOTIATIONS.

10. CYPRUS. FRANCE URGES RECONCILIATION BETWEEN TWO COMMUNITIES PRESERVING INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ISLAND. HOPES SECRETARY GENERAL AND HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY ROLE IN MOVING TOWARD SETTLEMENT. SOLUTION MUST CONTAIN SATISFACTORY ANSWER TO IMPORTANT PROBLEM OF REFUGEES AND PROVIDE FOR REASONABLE TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT THROUGH SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS IN PRESENT SEPARATION LINE.

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11. AFRICA. FRENCH POLICY IS BASED ON FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES -- AFRICA SHOULD NOT BE ARENA FOR EXTERNAL RIVALRY; FRANCE RESPECTS SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL STATES; STABILITY OF THE CONTINENT REQUIRES SOLUTION OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES INCLUDING "ODIOUS SYSTEM" OF APARTHEID. RE NAMIBIA, FRANCE SUPPORTS

FREE ELECTIONS UNDER UN AUSPICES WITH PARTICIPATION OF ALL POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING SWAPO. RE RHODESIA, FRANCE SUPPORTS US-UK INITIATIVE TAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH COUNTRIES AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS CONCERNED. RE SOUTH AFRICA, ITS INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION, MAY DEEPEN IF DECISIVE PROGRESS IS NOT ACHIEVED ON APARTHEID, AND OTHER ISSUES. EC, IN ADDITION TO VOLUNTARY ARMS BAN, HAS RECENTLY ADOPTED A CODE OF RESTRICTIVE TRADING PRACTICES.

12. SOUTH AFRICA NUCLEAR ISSUE. DE GUIRINGAUD REJECTED "RIDICULOUS ALLEGATIONS" THAT FRENCH AGREEMENT TO SUPPLY SAG WITH "A VERY COMMON TYPE OF ELECTRONUCLEAR PLANT" COULD HELP SAG TO MANUFACTURE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. FRANCE AND SEVERAL DOZEN OTHER COUNTRIES EXPORT REACTORS NEEDED FOR PEACEFUL PRODUCTION OF ENERGY. RE EXPORTS TO SOUTH AFRICA, STRICT CONTROLS ARE STIPULATED AND PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN INCREASED.

13. DJIBOUTI. FRANCE HAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED TIES OF COOPERATION WITH DJIBOUTI. IT HOPES THAT THE NEW NATION WILL AVOID BECOMING EMBROILED IN CONFRONTATIONS AROUND IT -- SOMALI/ETHIOPIAN CONFLICT.

14. COMOROS AND MAYOTTE. FRANCE IS FULLY PREPARED TO DEMONSTRATE ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE COMOROS. MISUNDERSTANDINGS ARE STILL EVIDENT IN INTERPRETATION OF CERTAIN DECISIONS REGARDING MAYOTTE. ISLANDERS WILL HAVE POSSIBILITY OF STATING THEIR POSITION ABOUT THEIR FUTURE AGAIN. FRANCE WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT STAND IN WAY OF ANY COURSE OF ACTION PROVIDED IT IS FOLLOWED WITH MUTAL REGARD FOR RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES.

15. MAURITANIA. FRANCE STRONGLY DECRIES FATE OF TWO FRENCH NATIONALS KILLED AND SIX KIDNAPPED ON MAY 1 IN ZOUERATE. DESPITE EFFORTS OF SYG AND RED CROSS IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN PRECISE INFORMATION. FRANCE FORMALLY REQUESTS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE IN CONTACT WITH KIDNAPPERS TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING THEIR RELEASE.

15. CHINA. PRAISES VERY GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS.

16. VIETNAM. WELCOMES ITS ADMISSION TO THE UN.

17. DISARMAMENT POLICY. REFTTEL.
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